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Early deadline

Due to Monday's Thanksgiving Day holiday, advertising deadline for the Oct. 9 issue will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3.

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Water tops town council agenda

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Water was a prominent feature of Elk Point town council's agenda last week, with three items dealing with the Regional Water Commission and one with a problem arising with the public works shop expansion.

The water commission's operating agreement was addressed at the joint meeting of town and county councils the previous Thursday, and Mayor Parrish Tung indicated that at that time, both councils agreed to a 50-50 split of operating costs. Deputy Mayor Eugene Buck noted that the grant used to build the line has "a grey area" regarding capital and operating costs. "The hypothetical weak spot is where the line comes above ground at Armistice."

Agreeing that operating costs referred to day-to-day operation of the line itself, council accepted a motion to approve the agreement as stated at the joint motion. "This is our position," Mayor Tung said. "They may reject it. (If no agreement is reached) after 20 days, we can apply for mediation. I sincerely hope we won't have to, but we have to be prepared."

"It's the commission's pipe," Coun. Ron Fraess commented. "You can't separate what's in it."

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Ryan McCracken photo

Suicide Awareness Walk

Residents of Frog Lake and the surrounding area toed signs with them on the Suicide Awareness Walk last Wednesday both in memory of lost loved ones and in an attempt to raise awareness. Story, Page 3.

Associate Minister hears health, seniors concerns during Elk Point visit



Local residents Margaret Modin and Erna Holliday emphasize the importance of affordable seniors' housing and the lack of local autonomy in health care decision meeting as they chat with Associate Minister of Health and Seniors George VandenBurg following Tuesday's meeting.

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Associate Minister of Health and Seniors George VandenBurg heard a number of concerns from northeast Alberta residents when he visited Elk Point last Tuesday with Bonnyville - Cold Lake MLA Genia Leskiw.

"I want to hear stories from your communities," VandenBurg told community leaders and concerned individuals from Smoky Lake, Vilna, Lac La Biche, St. Paul and Elk Point. "I want to hear what's working well, too."

VandenBurg has spent 27 years in the political arena, as town councillor and mayor of Whitecourt and as MLA for Whitecourt-St. Anne, and served as chair of the provincial Seniors Advisory Council.

Newly elected Lac La Biche County Mayor Aurel Langevin was first to voice his community's concerns, and said the big

issue is the mobile dialysis unit. The bus is now stationary in Lac La Biche, and can serve 40 people three times a week, he noted. "The next step is to get it moved into the hospital." There is also a shortage of continuing care beds, the mayor noted, although he has been told the facility has the capacity for more, "and there's the food service, especially in long term care."

The dialysis unit is "A fantastic idea in theory but not adequate for our area's population," added County Coun. M. J. Siebold. "The perception is that it could be jerked away," she added.

The dialysis bus was the second in Alberta, VandenBurg noted, "and a real saviour to residents. It's going to be a showpiece for a lot of northern communities, and it's very unique in Canada." The capacity of continuing care beds in a lot of facilities "could be increased with more staffing," he noted.

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Water tops town council agenda

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The commission's administrative agreement was also discussed. The commission approved Elk Point as their administrative centre, with the town to receive \$1,000 per month for the duties performed. Town manager Myron Goyan commented that a five-year term for the agreement was "too long."

The Regional Water Commission's Water Supply Agreement was slated for review by the towns of Elk Point and St. Paul and the county of St. Paul in Edmonton on Sept. 26. Council agreed that wording changes were necessary as one schedule in the document referred to Elk Point as a village. The final version of the document will be brought to council's next meeting.

The final water-related item of business came later in the meeting, following a run-down on the public works meeting. Goyan said he had gotten a call that afternoon from the contractor building the town shop expansion, who indicated that digging down under the former location of an outdoor cement pad, where trucks had previously loaded water, revealed "a big soupy area." The contractor felt this unforeseen problem will require extra excavation, thus adding to the cost of the project, Goyan said. The mayor directed him to have the project's engineer check it out and determine the best course of action.

Fire hall paving

Council approved the paving of the strip between the cement pad in front of the fire hall and Railway Avenue, having found a company willing to do the work while they were in the area.

Tax complicated

The request for tax concessions by the owners of farmland within town limits was brought back to council for more discus-

sion. After reviewing the file and noting that the parcel has three assessments, one each for farmland, commercial and residential, Goyan said that the matter "has to go through the whole appeal process." "It's more complicated than I thought," said the mayor.

Deputy Mayor Buck has taken the necessary training to be part of an appeal board, and said the town "will have to address other mechanisms when the appeal process is complete."

Economic Development

Economic Development Committee member Jonny Nielsen introduced Kaj Thybo and Carsten Jepsen from the Tech College Aalborg in Denmark, to council. The college is one of the largest providers of vocational education and training, with four-year programs that are typically one year at college and three years of work placement or apprenticeship with approved companies. One of their electrical apprentices has been working in Elk Point this summer and the men are in Canada to seek out work placements for additional Danish apprentices and to become more familiar with the visa and work permit requirements that would be necessary. Nielsen noted that trades people are needed here, and the college can provide apprentices in trades ranging from bakery to carpentry to technology.

Recreation

The recreation committee met Sept. 20, and Coun. Bernice Capjack reported that coordinator Deena Smith has had disappointing response to her programs, including movies and bus tours to attractions and events. However, she is trying again, and has ideas for several upcoming events. She will be attending the upcoming chamber of commerce meeting to get the members' feedback.

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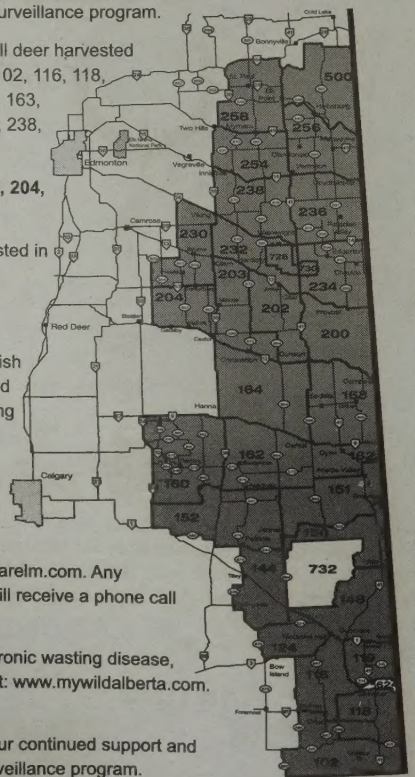
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Frog Lake comes together to promote suicide awareness

By RYAN McCracken

Review Contributor

While Holly Moyah-Bull took part in a Suicide Awareness Walk in Frog Lake, she carried her young child with her, something that made her aware of the Sept. 26 walk's symbolic importance.

Moyah-Bull, who has lost her brothers and cousin to suicide, said she thought of how those contemplating suicide carry secrets that they are afraid to share, which bears down on them like a weight on their shoulders. Near the end of the walk, Moyah-Bull noted that a member of the community saw that she was tired and offered to carry her son. She says that what people who are contemplating suicide need is someone to help share the weight of their thoughts.

"It made me think, when somebody offers help and you accept and you see that person also carrying that load with you, you begin to feel that lightness upon your shoulders and upon your heart," Moyah-Bull said in her speech. "As we walked in, we walked together. As we walked together, sometimes I was walking ahead because of

the lightness I felt from somebody else helping me."

The walk saw over 100 people toting signs and singing songs to promote suicide awareness and to honour members of the community who have taken their own lives.

The event concluded Frog Lake's suicide awareness training program that began in early June in both Frog Lake and Kehewin.

"The program was started because Aboriginal people have high rates of suicide globally. We only make up 2.7 per cent of the adult population of Canada and we have the highest suicide rate in Canada," said Sarah Singer, facilitator for the Honouring the Gift of Life Program. She was glad to see the community out in full force to support the walk.

One initiative of the Suicide Awareness Program is to create a community crisis response team to help reduce the risk of suicide in Frog Lake. The team will be compiled of volunteers from the community who wish to provide their phone numbers to those in need of someone to talk to when contemplating suicide.

"We hope that it creates

enough awareness and also that our community crisis response team takes off after this," said Tribal Chiefs Child and Family Services East Society business manager Leigh Ann Edwards.

Edwards was very pleased by the huge turnout, as she says suicide is an issue that needs to be addressed in First Nations communities.

"Frog Lake always does this, when they have any kind of community event, it's always well participated by the community," Edwards said. "They really care about their community members and it shows in the support they give to these types of events."

For Moyah-Bull, the walk felt like a promising start for the community to deal with this important issue.

"I feel that it's a beginning for families that have been hurt, that we're beginning to come together, that we're beginning to do something positive in our community, that we're willing to deal with an issue that has plagued our First Nations people as a whole," she said.



Capsule Comments



by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky

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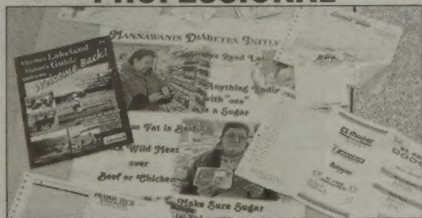
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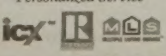
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Giving thanks

Sometimes it's a bit difficult to find things to be thankful for, even at Thanksgiving. Cattle ranchers, for example, are wondering why their market has disappeared again, through no fault of their own. Perhaps they can give thanks that at least there is plenty of feed around, which is more than farmers further east can say.

The many recalls may have left meat markets without a reliable source of beef, but this week, everyone is thankful for turkey, and at least in this area, there are more than enough vegetables to go around as well.

Good weather throughout much of September allowed harvest to carry on uninterrupted, and for many, the crops are in the bins and the straw baled.

We're doing well, everything considered.

Way Back When...

Headquarters opens, trail buffs tour, landmark demolished

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 2 IN...

1987

A visit from Elk Point Municipal Hospital Board did not sway town council from its position that Elk Point's newly renovated health clinic would be subject to property tax as it was a business operation. A display honouring 60 years of Scouting in Elk Point was among the many booths celebrating Elk Point's numerous groups, organizations and agencies at Information Night.

1992

"With a snip of these snippers," MLA John Drobot cut the ribbon held by the Hon. Ken Kowalski and the Hon. Doug Main to officially open the Northern Lights Library System headquarters in downtown Elk Point. Amy Hawkins, Charlene Anderson, Nicole Poirtras and Renee Anderson won gold at the Provincial High School Golf Championships in Fort McMurray.

1997

Eleven of F. G. Miller's 16 graduates took part in their graduation ceremonies at the Elks Hall, with Raegan Croteau as their valedictorian noting, "Along with the joys we celebrate today comes a slight sadness and fear of what lies ahead..." Construction was rolling along at the Newalta Corporation's oilfield waste disposal plant, following approval of their application by the Energy Utilities Board.

2002

A busload of Alberta TrailNet and Alberta Trail Advisory Council members joined members of the Riverland Recreational Trail Society and the Iron Horse Trail Committee to take the scenic route across the County of St. Paul via the Iron Horse Trail from Ashmont to Heinsburg by van, ATV and horse and wagon. Faye Smith brought home a national gold medal from Sunnyside, Prince Edward Island in the 55+ five-pin bowling competition at the Canada Senior Games.

2007

A longtime Elk Point landmark was reduced to rubble as the former Elk Point Sales and Service building on the corner of Railway Ave. and 50 St. was demolished after close to 60 years on that site. F. G. Miller High School students celebrated their success, with a very proud Daniel Shankowski accepting the Senior High Citizenship award for his positive attitude.

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Social capital

As we prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend, it is easy to think about family and people connections. That is, we will be finding ways of connecting with one another. Of course, there will be family favorites of different foods. The turkey and pumpkin pie will be on the list for some of us.

Above all, our feelings of gratitude will be expressed in our prayers before we enjoy our Thanksgiving dinner. So, you are probably asking: "Why is the title social capital instead of Thanksgiving?"

Let me explain. Robert Putnam wrote a book titled "Bowling Alone". Now, why would anyone want to bowl alone? No, that is not what Putnam meant. He was simply using shorthand to describe the dramatically declining participation in American bowling leagues. His research showed that even though more people were bowling in 1996 than ever before - 91 million - the percentage of adults in bowling leagues plummeted from six per cent in 1965 to two per cent in 1996. Putnam documents similar drops in membership numbers for a wide variety of other voluntary associations during that same period. His list includes the League of Women Voters, American Bar Association, NAACP, Red Cross, Elks, Shriners, Jaycees, Grange, PTAs, churches, political parties, and many more. Whereas in the 1960s, nearly half of all Americans participated in clubs and local associations on a weekly basis, in the 1990s fewer than one-quarter did so. What this means is that not only are Americans going to fewer meetings, but they are spending less time with one another. Putnam says that all these declines are signs of the erosion of what he calls "social capital." Putnam defines social capital as "connections among individuals - social networks and norms of reciprocity and trustworthiness that arise from them." He concludes that, "our growing social capital deficit threatens educational performance, safe neighbor-



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hoods, equitable tax collection, democratic responsiveness, everyday honesty, and even our health and happiness."

What are your thoughts about what Putnam said? Is it possible we can also apply this to family connections? Is there "social capital" involved in family connections? To

put it simply, it can be said that when families get along with each other and enjoy spending time together, they are rich in their family social capital. In other words, when we speak of family social capital we are speaking of family "net worth" to each individual member of that family.

So what happens when relationships in a family go bad? Strained and broken relationships are as old as humankind itself. Ancient Cain was the first who allowed the cancer of bitterness and malice to canker his heart. He tilled the ground of his soul with envy and hatred and allowed these feelings to ripen until he did the unthinkable - murdering his own brother. Since those first days the spirit of envy and hatred has led to some of the most tragic stories in history. It can be said that every person on earth has been affected in some way by the destructiveness of contention, resentment and revenge. When we feel hurt, angry, or envious, it is quite easy to judge other people, often assigning dark motives to their actions in order to justify our own feelings of resentment. This can be likened to the quote: "negativism is like giving yourself poison and expecting the other person to die."

So how do we turn this around? Simply put, we need to forgive one another. Also simply put, find out something that is positive about the other person and forget the negative. In other words, stop judging! We must all recognize that we are all imperfect. Stop hating, gossiping, ignoring, ridiculing, holding grudges, or wanting to cause harm. Stop it! It's that simple.

If all of this is too simple and ideal, let's look at it another way. There is a term called "asset-based". Communities, after researching strengths within the community, will itemize their resources and build a strong community from within. They are now an empowered community. Thus families can do the same. Families can find what is positive and unique about each person in the family and decide their family is a great asset. In the end all of this equals a strong family "social capital".

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! May your people connections be positive, enriching and enjoyable, and may you recognize the uniqueness of your family asset-based "social capital".

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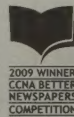


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Associate Minister hears health, seniors concerns

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Thanks to the Seniors Advisory Council, VandenBurg said, "the food service is being worked on. The staff is serving but not eating those meals, and that told me something. It was an experiment that was tried and didn't work. It's going to be fixed," he assured.

The food issue was a common concern. Elk Point senior Margaret Modin called it "A pain in the neck for far too long," and thanked VandenBurg "for the movement we sense in the area."

A major issue in Elk Point is lodging for locum physicians, Modin added. "We can't afford to lose our locums." Two rooms created to house locums are currently being used by contract nurses, she noted.

The locum pool is "a unique program and not meant to be a permanent solution," VandenBurg said, "but in small town Alberta, we can burn out physicians." He emphasized that Alberta Health does supply housing for locums.

Modin also said the community has a number of seniors requiring a level of assisted living accommodation Elk Point doesn't have.

The last two premiers have been "very concerned with seniors' housing," VandenBurg said. "We're working on a program, and my job is to find partners to work with. It's a very aggressive goal."

Erna Holliday commented on bed usage in hospitals, where acute care beds are often used for those better suited to an auxiliary hospital setting. "Not everyone can afford assisted living accommodation."

Elk Point FCSS director Deanna Easthope harked back to the food situation, and said that until the arrival of the 21-day diet, Elk Point Healthcare Centre had supplied food for appreciative Meals on Wheels clients. "There was dissatisfaction" with the change, she noted, "and we switched to Heritage Lodge. The clients were grateful and it's a plus for our local resources."

Laverne Wilson introduced himself as a volunteer driver who takes Elk Point seniors to Edmonton for medical appointments,

as does Mayor Parrish Tung. "Busing won't work," he noted. "A lot of appointments are at 8 a.m., and you have to be there all the time (with the patients)."

"Transportation comes up all the time," former Lakeland Health Advisory Council chair Diana Anderson added. "The bus schedule means an overnight stay and I'm thankful we have other alternatives." She said there had been talk of a once-weekly schedule to take multiple people to city appointments, but scheduling and cost were concerns.

"We look at the provincial FCSS money for transportation," VandenBurg said, "but any mayor will tell you it's not enough."

A St. Paul resident whose mother is in long term care told of his issues with staff at that facility, with the result that he now has only limited visiting time with his mother. He noted that the matter is currently before the court.

"When matters go to court, (the government) can't interfere. It's very important that we create a seniors advocate within the department," VandenBurg said. "I made a commitment to do that so we can avoid situations like this."

Elk Point town Coun. Ron Fraess was touched by the man's story, and felt "nobody will get fired" over the situation. Regarding recent news stories regarding controversy over the department's expense accounts, he feels Alberta Health Services "is not working" in its current form, and "we would like to see you make your employees honour their contracts."

"I take my contract seriously," VandenBurg replied. "It's not acceptable on my terms. There's no justification for it, and I've never heard of a MLA knowing what's going on with that. Not one of them would stand for it."

St. Paul hospital auxiliary volunteer and fundraiser Gladys Boisvert had concerns regarding the time it takes to get approval for purchases of equipment "that was agreed by our medical personnel as necessary. It took nine months to

get approval to spend \$120,000 to replace cardiac unit monitoring equipment that was 30 years old. Fortunately it didn't go down and nobody died." She noted that Bonnyville, under the Covenant Health system, "seems to be able to go out and buy" what is needed. "We want to purchase and then be invoiced, but now, that sometimes takes as long as a year."

VandenBurg volunteered to "do some digging," and noted that policies are not consistent.

"Auxiliaries raise millions of dollars," Diana Anderson commented, "yet they're not in the communications loop and they're often not recognized."

Dennis Heffernan of Elk Point, whose mother is in long term care, commented on menu changes, which he had heard were to begin 10 days earlier. "They asked the people what they'd like, and have implemented some changes, but they're taking their time. What changes will be made?"

"By the end of the year, it will be fixed," VandenBurg assured him.

Ann Yakimec from the MD of St. Paul Foundation found grant programs "very challenging. It's very difficult for smaller municipalities to come up with 50 per cent of funding. Do we build more and pass more on to taxpayers who don't want to pay either? There is

an impression that AHS has a huge influence on which communities get the money, and it's hard to plan for the future when we don't know how big the waiting list is. Our concern is, if we're being too proactive when our funding chances are virtually nil."

"I recognize that it's an

issue," VandenBurg said. "AHS gives me a map and draws circles, and I go find partners. What was built in the 1960s and 1970s does need an update."

Chris Gross of St. Paul FCSS, Vilna Mayor Frank Barry and four members of the County of Smoky Lake council were on hand to

give their input.

Mayor Tung wrapped up the session, thanking the community leaders and individuals for their attendance and noting "All of us have a passion to do the best for our people. It's a privilege to have the opportunity to represent and to help people we know by name."

September 11, 2012

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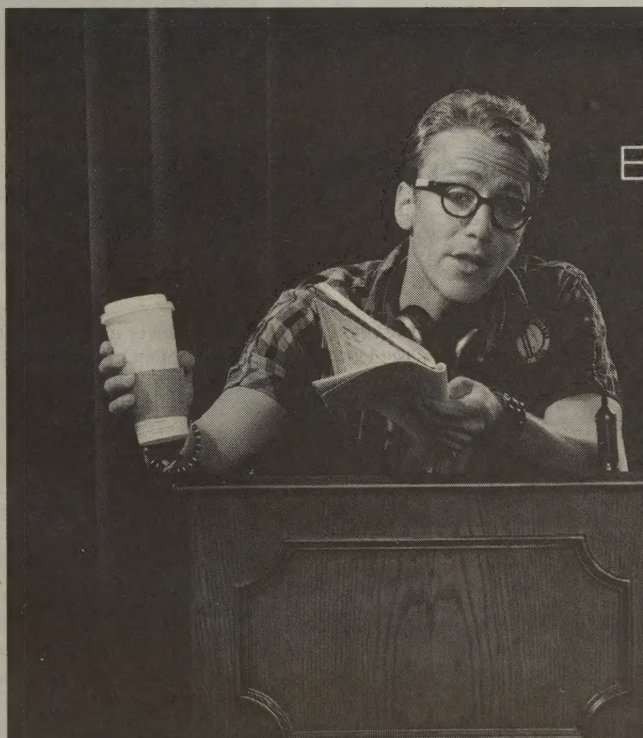
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Brouwer writers' workshop a double WOWer!

By DENISE BJORKMAN

F. G. Miller High School

On Sept. 6., the F. G. Miller junior high Crusaders were WOWed once again as Sigmund Brouwer, author of over 40 novels joined us in the R. E. Beattie Library to share more stories and fun! This was a follow-up event from his presentation in May of 2012 and it was once again a WOWer of a day.

It was a rip-roaring, music-playin' day where the empha-

sis was on STORY, not writing. He drove home the fact that we are all wired for stories—in our dreams, our day-dreams, and even our excuses! The Crusaders got creative in teams and wrote mini stories (some silly, some gross and some even scary), which Brouwer read out loud to the groups. The result was outright laughter and applause.

Our students got to experience the demo of a new song created especially for Brouwer's newest novel and trailers from some of his other works. On the website: myrockandrollbooks.com, students can download three free books as well as purchase e-versions of Brouwer's other works.

The successful day was a team effort between our junior high Crusaders with their excellent behaviour and involvement in the workshop, Mrs. Boorse who helped set up, Mrs. Capjack who picked up lunch, our Language Arts team—Mr. Burke, Mrs. Bishop and Miss Hochachka, supervisor teachers Miss Sloan, Mr. Casper and Mr. Larmand, who supervised and/or covered classes during the workshop, Mrs. Loughran and Jarred who helped with clean-up and all the staff members who came down to say hello to Brouwer at some point in the day.



Some of Sigmund Brouwer's many fans were happy to have him autograph their favourite books, above. Below, he reads students' stories aloud.



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'Write!'

That's the advice that popular and prolific author Sigmund Brouwer had for F. G. Miller students when he visited the school last month.



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NEWS RELEASE

Lottie Lake Leak has been found and repaired



The County of St. Paul has finally been able to locate the mysterious leak in the water distribution system in Lottie Lake due to the diligence and help of local resident Dave Neary. According to Public Works staff, the leak was found on a lot in Lottie Lake that has a mobile home on it; however it has been vacant for several years. It appeared that water was being held under the mobile home and likely in the property's septic field. A backhoe was on site on Thursday, September 27 to assist staff in locating the connection valve for the property and allow staff to turn the valve off. Previously, the County was unable to locate this valve but with the use of a backhoe it was discovered to be very close to the adjacent property, which is inconsistent with the location of the valves on other lots.

Over the course of the last few months, County staff has taken many courses of action in order to try to locate the leak. These actions include bringing in a leak detection company – twice to look at the system and try to listen for leaks. We brought in divers to check both the water reservoir as well as the clear well located at the Water Treatment Plant. In addition staff walked through the subdivision several times to look for signs of water coming up or standing water. More recently we have used a vac truck to expose 25 holes looking for signs of water coming up to the surface. Another measure taken was the tilling of the County's Environmental Reserve to see if there were any water lines running into the lake. I am happy to report that we did not find anything. Last week the utility staff tried to close off all water valves to resident services to determine if we still lost water. During this process our staff was unable to close off approximately 10 valves – this was likely due to the fact that they had not been turned off for many years. The staff felt that forcing them off might break them and cause even further expense by having to dig and repair the valves. As indicated earlier, the property where the leak has now been detected was one of the valves that we were unable to locate last week.

Council had approved for Administration to purchase and install new water meters. However in light of the leak now being detected, Administration will recommend to Council that this expense be postponed until the 2013 budget; a decision will be made by Council at their October 9, 2012 Council meeting.

The County has spent significant dollars to ensure that the residents of Lottie Lake continued to have water during the duration of the search for this leak. To date the County has spent \$119,690 on trucking water in, \$2,600 on divers, \$1,848 on lidar data to produce preliminary drawings for a new distribution line and \$2,275 on leak detection. Add to this the increased number of hours that staff has spent in Lottie Lake and that number grows significantly.

There have been several questions as to the quality of the water in Lottie Lake. The County has a license to supply water to this hamlet and has certified operators that must follow strict protocol set out by Alberta Environment. Testing of water is done daily at the Water Treatment Plant. This daily test checks levels of Iron, Manganese and Chlorine. Weekly tests are performed at various locations throughout the subdivision as well as at the Water Treatment Plant. This weekly test is looking at the bacteria levels in the water. This test cannot be taken at homes with a water softener. The bacteria test water samples are sent to a provincial lab in Edmonton. Results of these tests are sent back to the County and more importantly to the Health Inspector. Any negative results could result in a water boil advisory or shut down of the system. Annually tests are taken that measure total Metals, Organic Chemicals & Pesticides, Routine Water Potability, and Non-Routine Inorganic Analysis. The results of this test are forwarded to Alberta Environment and comprise part of the Annual Report, thereby, meeting the requirements in ensuring the water quality is up to standards.

It is important to note that both the County and Alberta Environment are aware that the water in all our hamlets is very hard. The hardness of the water does not make it unsafe; however it is very hard on water systems within resident's homes. Residents who may be experiencing large amounts of sediment in their water may want to have a plumber look at the water system in their homes to see if it may be time to replace their hot water tank, pumps, conditioners, etc.

The County would like to thank the residents of Lottie Lake for their patience and understanding when dealing with our staff over the course of the summer while we have been looking for the water leak. It has been a stressful time for the residents as well as County staff.

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"Let's get ready to rumble." Because of the mild weather we have had this past ten days it was a struggle to flood, paint the white ice and lines. The plant was working overtime to keep up. After each flood it took a bit longer than normal to freeze. It's normal to have a whole bunch of condensation building up inside, but we have tried a few different things this year and it worked a whole lot better than in the past. We did have one circulating pump crap out, and it wouldn't be normal not to have something break down. Nothing major, but Big M came out and replaced it with one we just happened to carry in our stock, since this isn't the first time we've had to deal with that pump. Thanks to all of the volunteers



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BASSETT**
Review Sports

who came out and gave a hand, cleaning, repairing painting the white ice and putting on the lines. The first practices are scheduled for tonight, just as we had promised.

Scott Dallaire has come back for another winter as our caretaker. This will be his third season with us and everyone was very pleased to hear he was returning. This coming weekend there is a skills clinic being held on Saturday and Sunday. Turkey on Monday, or like at our place, leftover turkey on Monday.

Speaking of volunteers, since the strike in the NHL our very own, Mark "the Marksman" Letestu has been volunteering his time with the Bonnyville Pontiacs as an assistant coach and it seems maybe he has

found his calling for after he retires from playing professionally. He must be bringing some great knowledge to the Pontiac team, who are in first place overall in the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

And here's news update on another one of our local boys, I call him local because he was born here and started his career here, and on top of that, his grandma Amelia still lives in Elk Point. Even though his parents were transferred a few years back to Edson, he's still our guy. The guy I'm talking about is goalie "Captain Zero" Brett Zarowny. If you remember a while back, Brett was drafted by the Prince George Cougars of the Western Hockey League in the 2010 bantam draft. Last season he played for the Leduc Oil Kings in the Alberta Midget AAA League. Now this year, at only 17, he not only made the Cougars roster, but he started the first two regular games against the

Everett Silvertips and won both of them. We did call him "Captain Zero" for a reason you know!!

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week. "I'm tired of hearing about money, money, money, money. I just want to play the game, drink Pepsi, and wear Reebok." Last week's answer to: "You can only milk a cow so long, and then you're left holding the pail." - Hank Aaron.

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Lawrence Pidluzny photo



Family benefit accepting nominations

By JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

Nominations are open for the fifth annual St. Paul and Community Family Benefit, which will again take place on New Year's Eve, with proceeds being directed to local families who have experienced some type of crisis or tragedy.

The New Year's benefit began in 2008 when "a group of friends wanted to help a friend," explains Tammy

Yuschyshyn, chairperson of the St. Paul and Community Family Benefit committee. After successfully raising \$2,800 that first year, the event has continued to grow.

In 2011, the benefit raised over \$12,000, which was split between two families. Since its inception, seven local families have benefited from the event, including families where parents have lost a child, families traveling to Edmonton for medical treatments, and for other reasons that might see them need extra support.

The committee began accepting nominations for this year's benefit on Oct. 1 and will continue to accept nominations until the end of November.

Nominees must live within the towns of St. Paul or Elk Point or in the County of St. Paul and must also have minor children living at home, said Yuschyshyn.

The committee reviews the nominations and chosen families are asked to share their stories with the community. There have been some families in the past who have said no after being nominated because they didn't feel comfortable sharing their story, or for other personal reasons, says Yuschyshyn.

Another request put to chosen families is that they "pay it forward" and help out with the organization the following year. Chosen families can volunteer their time to help with the New Year's dance or help with some of the smaller events that take place throughout the year, such as barbecue fundraisers.

This year, the group held four smaller fundraisers and those funds are used to cover the costs associated with hosting the New Year's benefit dance itself. The barbecues have also helped raise awareness about the group within the community.

Yuschyshyn says that although it has taken a lot of work to spread the word and get people involved with the event, organizers are seeing the benefits and the event is growing. "People are starting to hear us out there," she says.

This year's New Year's Eve dance will again include music, a late-night lunch, and silent auction. It is a family-friendly and affordable event, says Yuschyshyn. The event will take place at the St. Paul Ability Network gym.

According to Yuschyshyn, a number of the people involved in the benefit are from the Elk Point area, and half the families helped so far have been from the Elk Point area. The benefit really "includes the whole area," she says.

Nominations for the year's family benefit can be emailed to the committee at st.paulcommunityfamilybenefit@gmail.com.

Arrests made in drug bust

By MELISSA BARR

Review Contributor

Two Elk Point men have been arrested for drug and organized crime-related offences, following weeks of surveillance and investigation by combined RCMP forces.

The investigation was a partnership between the Bonnyville, St. Paul, Cold Lake and Lloydminster RCMP detachments, as well as the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU). The CFSEU is a unit made up of RCMP resources from Camrose and Edmonton, as well as sheriffs.

Beginning in early August, the investigation resulted in RCMP making two arrests on Sept. 27 after search warrants were executed on a vehicle and two residences in Elk Point.

RCMP seized cocaine valued at \$7,400, methamphetamine valued at \$4,000, \$500 in cash and various pieces of drug paraphernalia. They also found weapons including brass knuckles, pepper spray, a baton and an edged weapon.

Matthew Joel Castle, a 23-year-old Elk Point man, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking under the controlled drugs and substances act, several breach of release conditions, possession of property obtained by crime and possession of a prohibited weapon.

Chad Luther Wasson, a 46-year-old Elk Point man, is facing charges of possession of property obtained by crime and possession of a controlled substance under the controlled drugs and substances act and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

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STAN'S LAST ROUNDUP



As I saddled my horse, Saturday September 22, 2012, the autumn sun warming the air, the colorful leaves rustling in the trees, I had no idea the day would become so surreal.



We gathered, corralled and begun to load another set of yearling steers like we had done for the last 10 years. For an hour and 1/4 we enjoyed another roundup together and in a moment I watched my fine old friend Stan Streets be called home to his Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST. With no sign of pain God granted Stan's final wish, to die in a pen of cattle! Only a true stockman would ever find this his place of refuge but was indeed his.

Born to Wilfred Streets and Edna Williams in Bonnyville, Alberta on November 13, 1933. Stan grew up with the fire and spirit that was in his red hair and his stubborn English blood. He loved horses and this passion never left him.

As we would ride through cattle in the feedlot and on pasture, Stan's stories of childhood would flow freely. During summer holidays Stan decided to get on the mare his dad forbidden him to ride. The mare gave him a great ride, breaking an arm. After bandaging it up he headed back to the barn only to have the mare buck him off again, breaking his leg, his mother had to set it using an ironing board. With his two brothers Jack and Charles, they would ski behind horses to school, jump a 6 foot bank into the river to swim their horses, (none of the boys knowing how to swim) and catch wild horses up by Cold Lake bombing range. In his fearless youth Stan's pride was an outlaw horse he called Champ. Stan was able to train the wild beast to do tricks. He then took the horse to rodeos and other events. However, at one event, the Bonnyville rodeo, Stan did not fair so well and the horse sent him to the hospital for an overnight stay. Stan loved the western culture, riding in the bareback and saddle bronc events at rodeos and later running chuckwagon horses on the track. This red head had one more event, a reputation as a scrapper. After appearing before a judicial judge in Bonnyville twice in one day for scrapping, the judge suggested Stan take up boxing, which he did. This sported him the Golden Glove boxer of Alberta one year.

Stan married Eva Byford in Bonnyville, Alberta and they had 6 children; Kathy, Frances, Jacqueline, Susan, Wilfred and Bradley. The next several years Stan worked in lumber camps providing for his family. Later he owned a dairy farm near Bonnyville, Alberta. After selling the farm Stan worked several different jobs getting his ticket as a millwright. After batching for several years Stan married Elaine in 1995 and helped raise his two stepsons Ryland and Greyson near St. Paul, Alberta.

To many in the community Stan will be remembered for the business he ran, Streets Shoe & Leather. The shop was suppose to be his place of work however it really became Stan's social center. Many came through his door to have a cup of coffee, a donut, and a good laugh, he touched many people's lives. Most days you could find Stan playing crib with Uncle Jimmy Hunter or visiting his close friend Neels Vanrensburg. Each Wednesday morning Stan enjoyed his Bible studies with Paul Bailey and each Wednesday afternoon he would close shop to work at the feedlot with us. Again on many Saturdays we enjoyed working with him at the feedlot however one thing always over-rode this work he enjoyed, his family. If he could help on a vehicle with his son Wilfred, do sewing work with Karen, see Francie work her horses, go to grandkids sporting events, have any quality time with his family, or preparing breakfast for his "love" these were priority.

As I unsaddled my gelding Saturday evening Stan still seemed to be beside me. His saddle hung beside mine. The black thoroughbred gelding I led to the pen had been one of the last horses Stan had trained and as I pulled out of the feedlot I looked at the new sign that Stan and my family had just hung Wednesday afternoon. Saturday night in St. Paul my eight year old son and I drove past the hospital. I turned to him and said, "Uncle Stan is there tonight." He responded, "it's like a clam shell without the pearl!" I just smiled and thought, meet me at those pearly gates my good old friend.

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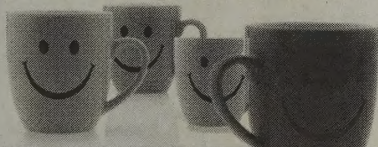
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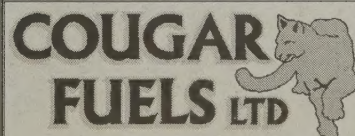


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September news from Heinsburg Community School

By CHRISTINE YURKO
Heinsburg Community School

Students at Heinsburg School began the year with a variety of activities, including a flag-raising, a feast, a high school fishing trip, dodgeball games vs. staff, and the Terry Fox Run.

The traditional flag-raising and feast was organized by Mr. Cross and Mrs. Abraham and occurred on Sept. 18 with Elders from Frog Lake attending the ceremony. The feast was blessed by the Elders and students enjoyed the meal prepared by school support staff. The afternoon was filled with activities of tug-of-war and kick ball.

The Terry Fox Run was held on Friday, Sept. 21. Students and staff participated in the annual run by completing the long course through the community or the shorter course around

the soccer field. Donations continue to come into the school for this great cause. We appreciate the efforts of Ms. Martin for coordinating this fundraising event.

Students also had the opportunity to compete against school staff in a friendly game of dodgeball. School staff was victorious and students are eagerly awaiting the rematch.

High school students had the exciting opportunity to go sturgeon fishing on the North Saskatchewan River, thanks to the efforts of Ms. Montgomery. The students who participated enjoyed this unique learning experience.

For the first time in years,

Heinsburg Community School has a junior high volleyball team. The junior high girls have been practicing their skills several times a week with their coach, Mr. Wood.

The S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drinking and Driving) committee will be attending a conference in Edmonton during October. The committee leaders say they are fortunate that F.C.S.S. Edmonton branch provided grant money that will cover transportation and accommodation costs for this conference.

Heinsburg Community School is off to a great start for the 2012-2013 school year.



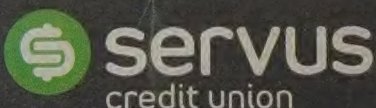
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* Flannels * Batiks * Notions * Pre-Cut Fabrics * Jelly Rolls
* Layer Cakes * Charm Squares * Fat Quarters * Fabric
* Batting & Supplies * Quilting Classes & Kits